

Consecration Ritual

The word consecration comes from the word consecratioun, meaning “the act of separating from a common to a sacred use, ritual dedication to God”. This doesn’t just take place in witchcraft or paganism, either. It’s a common practice in Catholicism when the bread and wine are consecrated in the Eucharist. In a witchcraft practice, we may consecrate our tools in a ritual to give them purpose. When we do this, we are claiming that tool as sacred — it will serve only that purpose from then on.

You will need...

- the tool(s) to be consecrated
- a cleansing method of your choice
- holy water of your choice

Remember, you can consecrate any tool that you use in a ritual fashion. It doesn't have to be fancy. It doesn't have to be witchy. It just needs to be yours.

The Ritual

1. Begin by cleansing yourself, your tool(s), and the space, if necessary.
2. Create sacred space in your preferred method. You may cast a circle if that’s part of your tradition, or you can just proclaim the space sacred.
3. Hold your tool in your hands, dominant hand on top if you’re able, and close your eyes. Connect with the energy of the tool that you hold.
 - a. Feel the tool, the weight of this element of your craft in your hands. Meditate with the tool for a few moments. As you build that connection, this is a good time to visualize working with the tool. What is it for? How will you use it? Is there a spirit connected to the tool or are you imbuing it with the energy it will need? Does it have or want a name?
4. When you’re ready, open your eyes and place your tool in front of you.
5. Dip the fingers of your dominant hand in the holy water and trace a pentacle over the tool. As you do so, you may want to say an incantation proclaiming the tool’s sacredness.
6. The tool has been claimed as sacred, it’s time to close your Sacred Space and place your consecrated tool in its new home.

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